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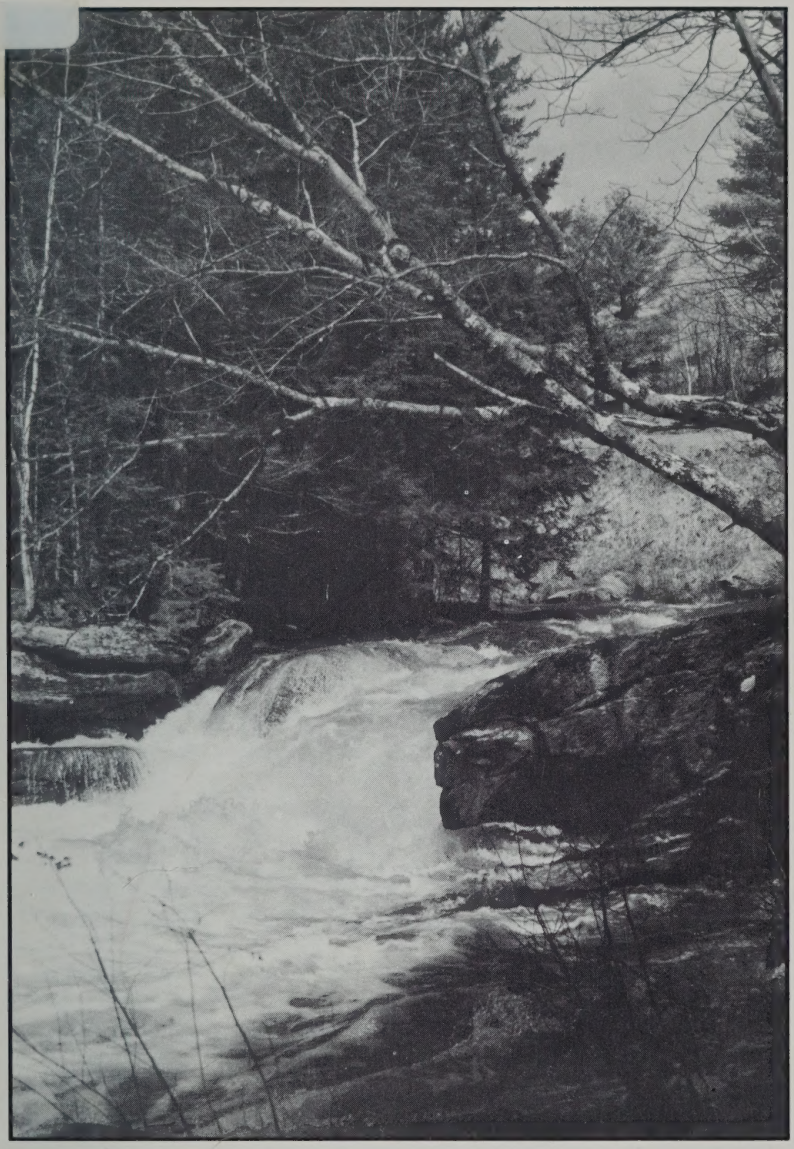

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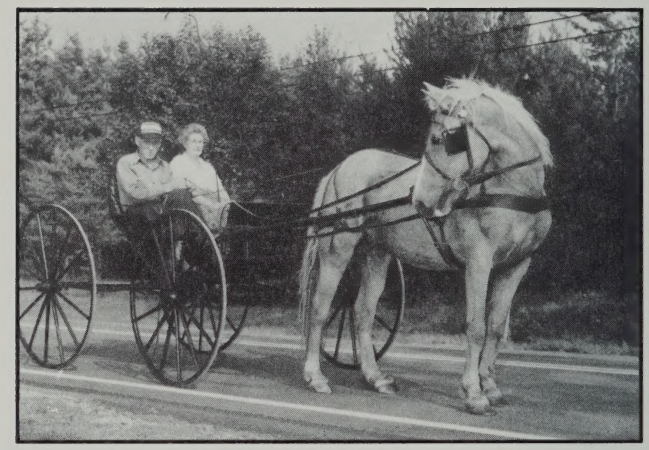
New Hampshire
Year ending December 31, 1984



This Report is Dedicated to

EVA & DURAND COOLEY

This picture was taken
as they celebrated
their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1983.

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Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1984

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Front cover picture: The old swimming hole on the Loop Road. All photos by Russ Towne.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

CHARLES CHASE	(Term expires 1985)
FRANCIS P. GARVAN II	(Term expires 1986)
FRED MOODY	(Term expires 1987)

Town Clerk
VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
BERNICE CUTTER

Auditor
BARBARA COLLIER

Fire Superintendent
STANLEY SHERBURN

Chief of Police
EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator
STEPHEN NORTH (1986)

Supervisors of the Checklist

JANICE McGROARY	(1986)
HELEN SOPER	(1988)
FONTELLE SILVER	(1990)

Trustee of the Trust Funds
HARRIET CORBRAN

Lafayette School Board
JANICE McGROARY (1987)

Library Trustees

LORIE SHERBURN	(1985)
BERNICE CUTTER	(1986)
MARGARET WHITCOMB	(1987)

Cemetery Trustees

RUTH TOWNE	(1985)
SCOTT MANNING	(resigned)
PARKER TOWLE	(1987)

Planning Board - Four Year Term

GARY HARWOOD	(1985)	EDWARD CUTTER	(1986)
MARY ELLEN BARNES	(1985)	PHYLLIS TOWLE	(1988)

MIKE GARVAN (ex officio)

Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

DENNIS FORD	(1985)	HAROLD KLUMBACH	(1987)
DONNA NORTH	(1986)	KAY GLOVER	(1988)

FRED MOODY (1989)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Last year's Town Meeting voted down the appropriation for handicap access to the Town Hall. The Selectmen are re-proposing the article because we feel the concept was supported last year; however, the siting of the ramp was inappropriate for our Town Hall. Several alternative locations for the ramp are being proposed this year which, hopefully, are more in keeping with the historic nature of the building.

The Fire Committee appointed at last year's Town Meeting made its final report to the townspeople on July 25th at a meeting with very good attendance. Basically, the report outlined four alternatives to the town concerning options for fire protection. They were:

1. Continue to contract services from Franconia and Sugar Hill
2. Continue to contract services from Franconia and Sugar Hill and establish a contingency fund to cover costs of large expensive fires.
3. Establish an Easton Fire Department in accordance with Twin State Mutual Aid requirements.
4. Increase Easton's participation in present contract protection by voluntary involvement of Easton residents as members of the Franconia and Sugar Hill Fire Departments. Straw poll votes cast at the July 25th meeting yielded the following results:

Alternative 1	4%
Alternative 2	59%
Alternative 3	33%
Alternative 4	4%

Therefore, the Selectmen have placed on the warrant an article establishing a reserve fund to be used for cost overruns on large fires **or** to purchase fire-fighting equipment when the need becomes necessary.

Another budget item which warrants discussion is the establishment of reserve fund for town-wide property reappraisal. With the on-going building surge, there is a widening gap between the taxes assessed on newer homes and taxes on older homes. Beyond that the NH Department of Revenue Administration mandates reappraisals in every town on a periodic basis. Easton's assessment ratio has been decreasing about 8% per year with the 1983 ratio set at 63%. The last town-wide reappraisal was conducted in 1970 with a current price estimated at $15,000. By setting aside a portion of this cost each year, the town will have the funds in-hand when a state mandated reappraisal is ordered.

Several other news updates include the proposed elimination of Easton from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Program. This means that no homeowners in Easton will be eligible to receive flood insurance on their property.

New environmental regulations are causing our solid waste disposal costs to increase dramatically. Recycling will help to reduce these increases but a significant rise in our contract disposal arrangement is expected. The price per ton for disposal at the Sanborn Landfill in Bethlehem doubled this year. A three year contract is expected so subsequent yearly increases should be minimal.

As you may note, the welfare budget this year has taken a considerable jump. This is in direct response to one of our needy citizens. This money will be used primarily for transportation of a handicapped individual to and from institutionalized care.

We would like to thank all the Town Officers and Fire Committee members for the time and effort they have spent on Town Business over the last year. We would also like to extend our gracious thanks to the Kinsman Valley's Ladies Club for the wonderful holiday party that was so well organized and prepared.

Selectmen of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	450.00
Selectman	350.00
Selectman	350.00
Tax Collector	450.00
Town Clerk	225.00
Treasurer	225.00
Auditor	100.00
Moderator	50.00

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $3,000.00 to construct a ramp and install a new door to the Town Hall. This new ramp and doorway will allow entrance to the Town Hall by physically handicapped people and will be built to federal specifications.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $100.00 to support the local outreach program provided by Grafton County Community Action.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $195.00 to be paid to Ross Ambulance Service as a condition for continued emergency medical transportation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Solid Waste Transf. Station	$1,947.85

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $181.50 for the White Mountain Mental Health Program.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $495.00 for the Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the Littleton Hospital.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $208.00 for the North Country Council.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $212.00 for the North Country Home Health Agency.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, and other necessary Town expenses.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to install a railing on the front steps of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to establish a Reappraisal Reserve Fund for the reappraisal of the Town.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to establish a Fire Protection Contingency Fund. Appropriated monies will accumulate in the fund until they are needed to defray the costs of a major fire or fires. At such time as the Town votes to establish its own fire department, unexpended monies in the Contingency Fund may be used to defray the costs of starting a fire department.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Cemetery Trust Fund in the amount of $200.00

Selectmen of Easton

Charles C. Chase
Francis P. Garvan II
Frederick Moody

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	$ 34,842.10
Uncollected Property Tax	4,382.00
Uncollected Resident Tax	170.00
Unredeemed Taxes	515.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	1,947.85
Total Assets	$ 41,856.95

LIABILITIES

School Tax Payable	$ 20,436.00
Yield Tax Escrow Accounts	3,925.05
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund	1,947.85
Fire Warden Funds	2,000.00
Total Liabilities	$ 28,308.90
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities (Surplus)	13,548.05
GRAND TOTAL	$ 41,856.95

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1984	Actual 1984	Estimated 1985
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,340.00	$ 1,340.00
Yield Taxes	2,300.00	2,447.21	2,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	-0-	367.88	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues - State			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	1,800.00	1,664.55	1,500.00
Highway Block Grant	2,442.75	2,442.75	3,005.59
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	650.00	226.82	200.00
Other Reimb. - Forest Fire Bill	-0-	49.91	-0-
Fire Warden Matching Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
State Revenue Sharing	1,800.00	1,664.55	1,600.00
National Forest Reserve	5,600.00	6,197.31	5,800.00
U.S. Entitlement	1,200.00	1,259.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,000.00	9,645.00	7,000.00
Dog Licenses	125.00	170.40	125.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	100.00	55.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Deposits	1,200.00	1,476.08	1,200.00
Fire Warden Matching Fund Article 16	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Other Financing Sources			
Revenue Sharing Fund Federal Solid Waste	563.59	563.59	1,947.85
Total Revenues and Credits	$26,781.34	$31,570.05	$ 26,968.44

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations 1984	Actual 1984	Appropriations 1985
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salary	$ 2,200.00	$ 2,200.00	$ 2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,372.27	2,000.00
Election & Registration Exps.	1,100.00	858.10	500.00
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	500.00
General Government Bldgs.	2,500.00	2,207.71	2,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	292.50	500.00
Planning & Zoning	450.00	96.84	350.00
Legal Expenses	100.00	-0-	100.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	693.00	447.00	450.00
Chamber of Commerce Art. 9	495.00	495.00	495.00
North Country Council Art.11	208.00	208.00	208.00
Tax Map Maintenance	265.00	240.00	265.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	1,300.00	1,026.29	1,500.00
Fire Department	7,500.00	19,955.18	10,000.00
8123 Phone	450.00	436.00	450.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges			
Town Maintenance	10,000.00	7,470.66	10,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00	3,843.20	9,000.00
Solid Waste District Planning	40.00	-0-	-0-
Littleton Sewer Disposal		130.00	130.00
Health:			
Health Department	15.00	20.00	15.00
Hospitals & Ambulances Art. 6			
Ross Ambulance	195.00	195.00	195.00
Art. 8 White Mtn. Mental Health	181.50	181.50	181.50
Art. 10 Littleton Hospital	600.00	600.00	100.00
Art. 12 North Country Home Health	212.00	212.00	212.00
Art. 4 North Country Community Action	50.00	-0-	100.00
Welfare:			
General Assistance			1,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	-0-	-0-	300.00
Parks & Recreation Art. 13	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Capital Outlay:			
Fire Warden Matching Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Art. 3 Ramp on Town Hall	-0-	-0-	3,000.00
Art. 15 Railing Front Steps	-0-	-0-	500.00
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance	2,000.00	1,803.00	2,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve Fund Art. 16			3,500.00
Fire Protection Contengency Fund Art. 17			2,000.00
Total Appropriations	$39,554.50	$46,690.25	$ 55,251.50

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes	$ 26,968.44
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)	$ 28,283.06

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	$ 93,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,300.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,200.00
Police Department Equipment	1,200.00
Fire Department Equipment	1,100.00
Total	$101,300.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	$2,384,209.00
Buildings	4,108,700.00
Electric Utilities	159,900.00
Mobile Homes	3,200.00
GROSS VALUATION	$6,656,009.00
Less Elderly Exemption	2,500.00
NET VALUATION (on which Tax Rate is computed)	$6,653,509.00
Increase in Net Valuation - 1984	331,750.00

1984 Tax Rate			%
TOWN	$ 1.72		$ 14.17
COUNTY	2.79		23.00
SCHOOL	7.02		62.83
	$12.13	/$1000	$100.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1984. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Barbara Collier
Auditor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1984 Auto Permits	$ 9,476.00
1984 Dog Licenses	170.40
Town Histories - 6	26.00
Filing Fees	5.00
A Donation Of	5.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 9,682.40

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	$ 37,861.00
Less Est. Revenues and Credits	30,439.00
Net Town Appropriation	$ 7,422.00
Net School Tax	51,578.00
County Tax	18,600.00
Total - Town, School, County	$ 77,600.00
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	1,087.00
Add War Service Credits	650.00
Add Overlay	3,544.00
Property Taxes to be raised	80,707.00
Less War Service Credits	650.00
Total Tax Commitment	$ 80,057.00
Tax Computation Adjustment	23.00
Property Taxes Committed To Collector	$ 80,080.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levies of 1983 & 1984 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of: 1984	1983
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	$	$ 3,665.00
Resident Taxes		90.00
Taxes Committed To Collector		
Property Taxes	80,080.00	
Resident Taxes	1,350.00	
Yield Taxes	2,447.21	
Added Taxes		
Resident Taxes	160.00	
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes	60.70	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	120.96	298.34
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		6.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$84,218.87	$ 4,059.34

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	$75,683.70	$ 3,665.00
Resident Taxes	1,340.00	60.00
Yield Taxes	2,447.21	
Interest Collected During Year	120.96	298.34
Penalties on Resident Taxes		6.00
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes	75.00	
Resident Taxes		30.00
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	4,382.00	
Resident Taxes	170.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	$84,218.87	$ 4,059.34

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1984

Property Taxes:	TAX	INTEREST
Mary Ellen Barnes	$ 83.00	$ 2.30
Ralph Brooks & Esther	40.00	
Richard Carigan & Theresa	296.00	
Norman Davis	18.00	.54
H. Cutler Fall	296.00	
Robert Glover II & Katherine	121.00	3.32
Roger W. Glover & Theresa	384.00	10.59
Peter Hussey & Linda	63.00	1.75
Anthony Jones	12.00	
Frederick Kendall	132.00	3.63
Heirs of Irving & Selma Laughlin	147.00	
John Lazzaro & Cathy	36.00	
Steve Marszalkowski & Frances	88.00	2.42
Gary S. Mousehegian & Carol Ann	507.00	14.03
Peter B. Moyer & Lisel	55.00	
Evelyn Nicholas	102.00	2.78
Vincent Place	101.00	
Dorothy Putnam	1,077.00	29.76
Joseph Portinare & Dorothy	224.00	
Stanley Sherburn & Lori	258.00	
David Shepard & Alice	342.00	9.56
	$ 4,382.00	$ 80.68

Resident Taxes:

Florence DeMourra	$ 10.00	Robert Stewart	10.00
Beatrice Doyle	10.00	Barbara Thompson	10.00
Catherine Forbes	10.00	Lynn Tomasetti	10.00
Cynthia Gale	10.00	Susan Tomasetti	10.00
Robert Glover III	10.00	Richard Toselli	10.00
Dianna Lee	10.00	David Towle	10.00
Chester Locke	10.00	Elizabeth Towle	10.00
Richard Macomber	10.00	Ruth Wells	10.00
Elizabeth Stewart	10.00		
		Total	$170.00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1984, on account of tax levy of 1984, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fical Year Ended December 31, 1984

DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of ----------	1984	1983
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning Fiscal Year*	$	$ 515.00
Taxes Sold To Town During Current Fiscal Year**	598.79	
Interest Collected After Sale	5.98	
Redemption Costs	14.80	
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 619.57	$ 515.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year	
Redemptions	$ 536.07
Interest & Costs After Sale	20.78
Unredeemed Taxes - End of Fiscal Year	62.72
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 619.57

*These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1984 from Tax Sales held in Previous Fiscal Years.

**Amount of Tax Sale held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1984	$ 34,865.93
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	84,178.06
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	9,682.40
Selectmen	103.00
State of New Hampshire	11,581.34
Town Easton Fire Warden, Matching Fund	1,000.00
Planning Board Subdivision Fee	73.95
Federal Sources	1,822.59
Yield Tax Bonds	3,306.00
Check Received for Insufficient Funds and Penalty (1983)	164.00
Interest on General Fund	1,476.08
Indian Head Bank Error	.40
Total Receipts to General Fund	$113,387.82
Balance on Hand January 1, 1984	34,865.93
Total Receipts in General Fund	$148,253.75
1984 Selectmen's Orders	113,447.65
Balance, January, 1985	$ 34,806.10

Bernice H. Cutter
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND REPORT

Total Available Funds, January 1, 1984	
Federal Solid Waste Transfer Station	$ 563.59
Brought Forward to General Fund	563.59
	$ -0-
Entitlement Payments, 1984	$ 1,875.00
Interest	72.85
Total Available Funds, January 1, 1985	$ 1,947.85

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes, 1983 Levy	$ 3,665.00
Property Tax Interest, Levy	298.34
Resident Tax, 1983 Levy	60.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1983 Levy	6.00
Property Tax, 1984 Levy	75,683.70
Property Tax Interest, 1984 Levy	120.96
Resident Tax, 1984	1,340.00
Yield Tax	2,447.21
Tax Sales Redeemed	536.07
Interest and Cost After Sale	20.78
Total	$ 84,178.06
From Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$ 9,476.00
Dog Licenses	170.40
Filing Fees	5.00
Town Histories	26.00
Donation	5.00
Total	$ 9,682.40
From Selectmen:	
Building Permits	$ 55.00
Town Histories	48.00
Total	$ 103.00
From State of New Hampshire:	
Highway Block Grant Aid	$ 2,442.75
National Forest Reserve Funds	6,197.31
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	226.82
Revenue Sharing Distribution	1,664.55
Fire Warden's Forest Fire Matching Fund	49.91
Fire Warden Equipment Purch. Matching Fund Article 16	1,000.00
Total	$ 11,581.34

From Town of Easton to Fire Warden For Equipment Purchase	$ 1,000.00
Planning Board Fees for Subdivision	$ 73.95
Federal Entitlement Lands	$ 1,259.00
Federal Reserve Sharing Article 7	$ 563.59
Yield Tax Bonds	$ 3,306.00
Interest on General Fund	$ 1,476.08
Check Received for Insufficient Funds and Penalty (1983)	$ 164.00
Indian Head Bank Error	$ .40
Total 1984 Receipts	$113,387.82

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:	
Charles Chase	$ 450.00
Frances Garvan	350.00
Frederick Moody	280.00
Robert G. Wutzdorff	70.00
Bernice H. Cutter	180.00
Vincent M. McGroary	45.00
Fontelle A. Silver	450.00
Virginia Leighton	225.00
Barbara Collier	100.00
Stephen North	50.00
Total	$ 2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses:	
Branham Publishing Co. (MV Value Book)	$ 37.15
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.	90.82
Harrison Publishing	556.90
Postmaster, Franconia, NH	98.61
Virginia Leighton	60.24
Fontelle A. Silver	233.42
Charles Chase	50.80
B & J Workshop	195.85
Littleton Office Supply	20.48
N. H. Municipal Association	28.00
Total	$ 1,372.27
Election & Registration:	
Harrison Publishing	$ 112.00
Littleton Courier	166.50
Fontelle A. Silver	134.01
Helen Soper	150.76
Janice McGroary	90.46
Carolyn Chase	3.35
Margaret Whitcomb	83.75
Bernice Cutter	100.51
Vincent McGroary	16.76
Total	$ 858.10

Town Hall Expenses:	
New England Telephone	$ 296.34
Public Service Co. of N. H.	206.40
Wetherbee Oil Co.	990.49
Franconia Gas	71.50
Franconia Hardware	102.98
Edward Cutter	90.00
Stanley Sherburn	450.00
Total	$ 2,207.71
Planning and Zoning:	
Phyllis Towle	$ 25.50
Francis Garvan	18.34
Littleton Courier	20.10
Mary Ellen Barnes	27.90
David Shephard (overpayment)	5.00
Total	$ 96.84
Police Department:	
Edward Cutter	$ 949.04
Motorola Inc.	77.25
Total	$ 1,026.29
Fire Department:	
Durand Cooley	$ 164.83
Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association	1,000.00
Town of Franconia (Retainer Fee)	3,600.00
Town of Sugar Hill (Retainer Fee)	2,400.00
Town of Franconia - 4 Fires	7,032.50
Town of Sugar Hill - 1 Fire	5,500.00
Grafton County - Radio Battery	38.00
8123 - Town of Franconia	57.75
North Country Council	56.10
James Collier	6.00
Total	$ 19,855.18
Transfer Station:	
Town of Franconia	$ 3,843.20
Reappraisal of Property:	
Maynard White	$ 292.50
Tax Map Update:	
G. E. Ainsworth & Associates	$ 240.00
8123 Line:	
Grafton County Sheriff's Department	$ 436.00

Road Maintenance:	
Summer:	
Robert P. Peckett III	$ 965.50
Carroll Wright	264.00
Total	$ 1,229.50
Winter:	
Robert P. Peckett III	$ 5,723.50
International Salt Co.	517.66
Total	$ 6,241.16
Tax Refunds:	
Charlotte Cavanaugh	$ 60.70
Taxes Bought by Town	$ 598.79
Easton Cemetery Committee	$ 500.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations:	
Virginia Leighton	$ 328.50
Dog Licenses:	
Virginia Leighton	$ 18.00
Grafton County Tax	$ 18,600.00
Franconia Recreation Article 13	$ 1,000.00
Insurance:	
Concord Group (1)	$ 1,221.00
Hunkins & Eaton Agency (2)	222.00
Illinois National Insurance Co. (3)	360.00
Total	$ 1,803.00
1. Multi Peril Policy	
2. Commercial Blanket Bond, Position Schedule Bond	
3. Workers Comp Renewal	
Health:	
Durand Cooley	$ 20.00
Ross Ambulance Article 6	195.00
Littleton Hospital Article 10	600.00
White Mountain Mental Health Article 8	181.50
North Country Home Health Agency Article 12	212.00
Total	$ 1,208.50

Sewer Disposal:	
Littleton Sewer System	$ 130.00
Yield Tax Bonds Redemption:	
Theodore Ward	$ 320.00
Gary Dexter	794.00
Total	$ 1,114.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	
N. H. Town Collector's Association	$ 15.00
N. H. Town Clerk's Association	12.00
N. H. Association of Assessing Officials	20.00
N. H. Municipal Association	400.00
Franconia - Easton - Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce Article 9	495.00
North Country Council Article 11	208.00
Total	$ 1,150.00
School Districts:	
Lafayette Regional School District	$ 29,645.41
Profile School District	16,392.00
Total	$ 46,037.41
Fire Warden Matching Fund:	
Durand Cooley	$ 1,000.00
Total 1984 Payments	$113,447.65

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

for the Year Ending December 31, 1984

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Rate of Interest	Amt. of Principal	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young	6.75	$ 100.00	$ 22.09	$ 8.69	$ 8.67	$ 22.11
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	6.75	100.00	33.62	9.52	9.49	33.65
1937	Orin G. Bowles	6.75	200.00	157.66	25.47	25.40	157.73
1947	Arthur Pease	6.75	114.00	63.12	11.62	10.58	64.16
1949 & 1979	Charles A. Young	6.75	300.00	59.60	25.61	25.53	59.68
1959	Florence Pease	6.75	200.00	104.03	21.63	21.58	104.08
1966	Whitcomb Tabbutt	10.65	200.00	68.10	30.78	30.68	68.20
1970	Edson M. & Harriet Bailey	6.75	100.00	20.26	8.56	8.54	20.28
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	10.65	200.00	40.72	27.62	27.56	40.78
1970	Leighton & Doolan	6.75	71.25	31.69	7.33	7.31	31.71
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	10.65	100.00	24.29	14.27	14.21	24.35
1971	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	6.75	100.00	17.78	8.39	8.37	17.80
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	6.75	50.00	12.53	4.45	4.43	12.55
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	6.75	100.00	17.61	8.37	8.35	17.63
1973	L. Gerald Paine	10.65	750.00	120.19	99.89	99.61	120.47
1974	Everett W. Bailey	6.75	100.00	18.04	8.40	8.37	18.07
1975	Howard Bonor	6.75	100.00	10.25	7.57	5.58	12.24
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	6.75	200.00	15.29	15.34	15.29	15.34
1979	Merton Edney	6.75	100.00	16.88	8.02	17.02	7.88
1979*	Clayton & Sadie Glover	5.50	200.00	25.12	25.28	25.12	25.28
1980	Margaret Wolff	10.75	100.00	6.07	10.38	6.07	10.38
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultze	6.75	300.00	-0-	20.63	-0-	20.63
1985*	Wm. A. & Carol J. Bailey	5.50	200.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
	TOTALS		$3,985.25	$884.94	$407.82	$387.76	$905.00

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care

All Trusts are invested at The Savers Bank

*1979 Glover & 1985 Bailey Trusts are Regular Passbook Savings.
All others are Certificates of Deposit.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

In May the "Cemetery Clean-up Day" was a great success, with seven volunteers participating. In addition to the usual straightening of stones, trees all along the road were cut and trimmed.

There were two burials during the year.

RECEIPTS

On Hand	$111.05
Town Appropriation	500.00
Total Receipts	$611.05

EXPENSES

Scott Manning, mowing	$322.38
E. G. Washburn Co., flags	46.71
Agway, seed & fertilizer	4.75
	373.84
Balance on hand	$237.21

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

Ruth Towne
Parker A. Towle

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Permits were issued for 1 new house and for 9 additions to existing houses.

It should be noted that state law RSA 153:10-AIII has been enacted requiring automatic fire warning devices on all multi-unit dwellings and all single family dwellings built or rehabilitated after January 1, 1982. The building inspector has a copy of this ordinance if anyone is interested.

Charles C. Chase
Building Inspector

PLANNING BOARD

Benefiting from a quiet time (one subdivision in the past year and a half), the Board looked over its Subdivision Regulations, solicited ideas for improvement from the Selectmen and Road Agent, held work sessions and a public hearing, and voted to adopt a revised set of Regulations. These should help to insure continued quality development in Town.

The Board also began to prepare a Master Plan for Easton. State law now requires that a town's zoning ordinance be consistent with a master plan. Since the Town has the former but not the latter, we thought we'd best get started. We held a public meeting in October to talk about the purposes of the Plan and its value to our small town, and to obtain ideas and volunteers to help. A lot of progress, we hope, can be made this coming year.

The Planning Board is really just a small group of citizens trying to represent the Town in land subdivision and development issues. We sincerely welcome everyone's participation in preparing the Master Plan, and in making suggestions on other aspects of land development. As always, our monthly meetings are open to the public.

Mary Ellen Barnes, Chairwoman

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Media Van has made 10 trips to Easton this year. One trip was cancelled due to bad weather and one because of vacations. The Van usually comes about the middle of the month. They can no longer come to the Town Hall so their stops are at the home of either the librarian or a trustee. We borrowed approximately 500 books this year from the District Office in Twin Mountain. There were 11 books given to the Library plus a number of paperbacks. There were 120 books sold and discarded.

Number of visitors	122
Number of readers	16
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	514
Adult non-fiction	156
Juvenile fiction and non-fiction	10
Total circulation	680

The library is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 2-4 p.m.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

1984 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1984	$718.18
Receipts during the year/sale of books	33.00
Total Receipts	$751.18

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's salary	$200.00
Dues - NH Library Trustees Association	16.00
Total Expenditures	$216.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1985	$535.18

THE SADIE N. GLOVER & HELEN J. YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND

Invested with The Savers Bank, Littleton, NH in a 2½ year Certificate. Date of issue - June 9, 1981 at 12% interest, renewed December 9, 1983 at 10¼%. Maturity date June 9, 1986. Invested amount - new principal - $486.98.

Principal	$486.98	
Total interest - 1984	56.95	
Balance December 31, 1984		$543.93

Interest only may be withdrawn and used.

Trustees of Easton Free Public Library
Margaret T. Whitcomb
Bernice H. Cutter
Lorie L. Sherburn

POLICE REPORT

for the year ending December 31, 1984

ACCIDENTS:

5 incidents where cars were damaged. One with personal injuries to 2 persons. 5 other cars off the road with no damage. Several motorist assists for car trouble.

BREAK-INS:

5 incidents were investigated where dwellings were entered with nothing missing or taken.

DOG COMPLAINTS:

Continues to be a major item. Several stray dogs were picked up and found a home for. Several missing dogs were found and returned to their owners.

Please remember to license your dog by APRIL 30th! If the License and Rabies Tags are on the dogs collar as required it is easier to locate the owner.

REQUESTS FOR POLICE SERVICE:

118 calls for Department response. Each contact was for locating persons and/or delivery of messages to residents coming through the Police Network, as well as dog complaints, accidents, and fire calls.

This department greatly appreciates the advice and help of the members of the Sheriff's Department, State Police, and the Franconia/Sugar Hill Police Department.

The requests of the Selectmen have been carried out as soon as possible and their cooperation has been excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cutter
Police Chief

Call 823-8548 or 8123

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

After the March 13th Town Meeting the Fire Protection Committee was formed. At our first meeting of March 24th our goals were formed and we went to work. I would like to thank all the members who worked many hours to put the "Fire Protection Report" together.

Committee Members

Charles Chase, Selectman Mike Garvan, Selectman Fred Moody, Selectman
Dennis Ford Marge Libby Robert Wutzdorff Jim Collier Ken Corbran

As a result of this report an Article is in the warrant asking for a contingency fund to cover the expense of large fires. Any surplus can be accumulated in a Fire Protection Contingency Fund to help start a Fire Department for Easton. The town is growing and a Fire Department must be considered in the near future. The $2,000.00 asked for in the Article is a minimum amount. I do not feel that the $2,000.00 a year is going to be sufficient to pay for the cost of a major fire or fires and have a surplus large enough to be of much help in starting a Fire Department.

Home safety is a must. Please take the time to check your wiring, gas heaters and vents, oil furnaces, small appliances and wood heaters. Wood stoves can be attributed to the majority of fires in Easton in the past, so be sure your wood stoves and furnaces are properly installed with the correct clearance at the back, sides and bottom. Have a large enough protective floor covering in front of stove doors to protect the floor from falling ashes and sparks when tending the stove.

Finally, I would like to remind you to inspect smoke detectors and keep them in good working condition. They do an important job in insuring fire safety in your home.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn
Fire Superintendent

Telephone 823-5649

To report a fire - DIAL 8123.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Our first forest fire prevention law was enacted by our State Legislature 90 years ago. This early law set in place a cooperative forest fire prevention and suppression effort between city and town governments and State government. It simply stated that no open fire could be kindled, when the ground is free of snow, without the written permission of the town/city Forest Fire Warden. This law also stated that anyone kindling a fire without written permission shall be liable for the damage caused and subject to a $1000 fine.

During the past 90 years, this law has worked so well that it has remained unchanged. All open fires when the ground is not covered with snow must be authorized by the local Forest Fire Warden. Persons kindling a fire without a permit when one is required are liable for damages caused, fire suppression costs and subject to a $1000 fine.

This cooperative fire prevention law has contributed significantly to our nationally recognized annual forest fire loss record.

1984 STATISTICS

	No of Fires	No of Acres
State - NH	875	335
District -	21	25
Town - Easton	0	0

FOREST RANGER — John Q. Ricard

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Durand B. Cooley - 823-5207

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS
Dennis Ford - 823-5357 Edward Cutter - 823-8548 William Kenney - 823-8523/5656

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Grafton County Commissioners submit the following report in a continued effort to communicate with you on a more direct basis.

The county fiscal year 1985 tax rate to towns increased by 6.76%, mainly due to increased liabilities and mandates for services. One reason is that the child placement budget has escalated from $40,000 in fiscal year 1982 to over $250,000 in fiscal year 1985. These costs are a direct result of RSA 169 when towns succeeded in getting laws changed to place financial responsibility on the counties. Also, the settlement statute, RSA 164, was changed regarding accumulating days for settlement, so that once the County has liability, the liability now remains with the County indefinitely. In addition, as experienced by towns and cities, the cost of nursing care has rapidly increased because of reduced federal and state funding, and will continue to increase at the local level with property taxes funding more of these services in the future.

We anticipate some budget relief with the new unified court system as soon as total costs of the court operations are fully funded by the State as intended in the legislation.

Because of the increasing unfunded mandated services and the unknown nature of federal and state participation in those mandated services, it becomes more difficult each year to budget in a realistic manner - a problem shared in common with towns and cities.

We are continuing energy conservation measures, with appreciable cost savings to the taxpayers. Window modification, with a five year payback, is one of our long term conservation measures, as well as modification to the heating control system.

Correctional needs and facilities are continually monitored and reviewed to comply with current standards and regulations. Studies have been completed and new construction was not recommended at this time.

In accordance with federal revenue sharing requirements, all county facilities and services are regularly reviewed for compliance with handicap regulations.

The Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings every Monday and encourage public attendance. Grafton County budget is processed through May and June and the Commissioners welcome input and strongly recommend your attendance at the public hearing normally held in mid-June.

We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Respectfully submitted,

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Dorothy Campion-Corcoran
Arthur E. Snell
Leonard F. Anderson

1983	$15,460 Easton Apportionment
1984	18,600
Increase	$ 3,140

The 6.76% increase in County tax requirement (rate) converts to a 20% increase to the Town of Easton's tax liability to Grafton County because the level of assessment or equalization factor in the Town of Easton dropped from 74% in 1982 to 63% in 1983 resulting in an increase in equalized value and accordingly an increase in the Town of Easton's apportionment rate.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPORT

Calendar year 1984 saw the North Country Council, Inc. observe its twelfth year of successful operation for towns in the North Country. The Council, as a regional, non-profit, public planning agency chartered under NH RSA 36:45, is responsible for providing assistance in local community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation, and municipal services.

In Easton, we provided information on the fire protection service levels in comparably-sized towns to the ad hoc Fire Committee and on handicap accessibility specifications for ramps and entries into public buildings. We provided draft copies of revised Subdivision Regulations and organizational material on master planning to the Planning Board. Easton is part of the Upper Grafton Solid Waste District and we have prepared sections of a solid waster plan for the District, including a septage disposal report.

In economic development, the Council hosted in the spring two region-wide economic development conferences with over 200 business, industry and government leaders attending. From the conferences, regional strategies were developed to address such issues as highway improvements, air service, regional promotion, mechanisms for regional communication, development funding, and regional job expansion. As an outgrowth of these conferences, the Council is presently coordinating the preparation of a North Country Videotape project, which, when complete, will examine the potential for industry to locate in the North Country. The Videotape will be available to Chambers of Commerce, local development corporations, and municipalities in order to promote their communities to businesses looking to expand or relocate in the North Country.

The Council has provided information and guidance to several towns on federal and state grant and loan programs. This past year saw well over $2.0 million in Community Development Block Grant funds come to the region for such activities as housing rehabilitation, water and sewer system improvements, a downtown revitalization study, an industrial park feasibility study, and business revolving loan funds.

Community planning assistance has emphasized master planning and improvement in local land use controls. New state mandates and commercial and residential growth in several towns have created busy work loads for planning boards. The Council's assistance takes many forms: regional workshops, newsletters, regulation review and update, and assistance on a regular or one-time basis for subdivision and site plan applications. Subdivision review workshops were held in Littleton, Campton, and Dalton and we co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series in Twin Mountain.

Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems. We rely on and appreciate the involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH

for the Year Ending December 31, 1984

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
October 13, 1984 Easton, NH	Michael A. Kenney Louisa M. Bliss	Easton, NH Easton, NH	John W. Kenney Margaret Taylor William L. Bliss Lee Nichols	Rev. William Briggs Clergyman Franconia, NH
December 31, 1984 Easton, NH	Lee A. Strimbeck Kathleen B. Kerivan	Easton, NH Easton, NH	George Strimbeck Annette Ahlstrom Charles E. Kerivan Agnes Morgan	George E. Foss III Justice of Peace Sugar Hill, NH

Emergency Telephone Number

8123

Fire - Police
Medical Emergency

Police Officer
Ed Cutter - 823-8548

Fire Superintendent
Stanley Sherburn - 823-5649

Fire Warden
Durand Cooley - 823-5207

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